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"AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR IN THE STATE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 32-70 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2015*):

6 (c) (1) On or before September 30, 1993, the Commissioner of
7 Economic and Community Development shall approve the
8 designation of ten areas as enterprise zones, not more than four of
9 which shall be in municipalities with a population greater than eighty
10 thousand and not more than six of which shall be in municipalities
11 with a population of less than eighty thousand.

12 (2) (A) On or after October 1, 1993, the commissioner shall approve
13 the designation of two areas as enterprise zones. Each such area shall
14 be in a municipality with a population of less than eighty thousand, in
15 which there are one or more base or plant closures. Such municipalities
16 shall be in different counties. If the commissioner approves the
17 designation of an area of a municipality as an enterprise zone because
18 of a plant closure in the municipality and there is a closure of another
19 plant in any other municipality in the state by the same business, the
20 commissioner shall also designate an area in such other municipality
21 as an enterprise zone. If any such designated area includes a portion of
22 a census tract in which any such base or plant is located, the census
23 tracts in such area shall not be required to meet the eligibility criteria
24 set forth under subsection (a) of this section for enterprise zone
25 designation. If any such area is located elsewhere in the municipality,
26 the census tracts in such area shall meet such eligibility criteria. As
27 used in this subparagraph, (i) "base" means any United States or state
28 of Connecticut military base or facility located in whole or in part
29 within the state; (ii) "plant" means any manufacturing or economic
30 base business, as defined in subsection (l) of section 32-222; and (iii)
31 "closure" means any reduction or transfer in military personnel or
32 civilian employment at one or more bases or plants in a municipality,
33 which occurred between July 1, 1989, and July 1, 1993, or is scheduled
34 to occur between July 1, 1993, and July 1, 1996, and exceeds two
35 thousand persons. Such employment figures shall be certified by the
36 Labor Department. (B) On or after October 1, 1993, the commissioner
37 shall approve the designation of three other areas as enterprise zones,
38 one of which shall be in a municipality with a population greater than
39 eighty thousand and two of which shall be in municipalities with a
40 population of less than eighty thousand. The census tracts in such
41 areas shall meet the eligibility criteria set forth under subsection (a) of
42 this section for enterprise zone designation. The commissioner shall
43 approve the designation of enterprise zones under this subparagraph
44 for those municipalities which he or she determines to have
45 experienced the largest increases in poverty from October 1, 1989, to
46 October 1, 1993, inclusive, based on a weighted average of the

47 unemployment rate, caseload under the temporary family assistance
48 program and per capita income of less than ninety per cent of the state
49 average between 1985 and 1989. In making his determination, the
50 commissioner may also consider the vacancy rates for commercial and
51 industrial facilities in a municipality and a municipality's program for
52 the implementation of an effective enterprise zone program. To the
53 extent appropriate, the commissioner shall use the Regional Economic
54 Models, Inc. (REMI) system in making the calculations for such
55 determination. (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of
56 this section, municipalities that were not distressed municipalities
57 under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 32-9p on February 1,
58 1986, shall be eligible to designate areas as enterprise zones under
59 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision.

60 (3) On or after July 1, 2014, the commissioner shall approve the
61 designation of [two] three areas as enterprise zones as follows: (A) One
62 area shall be in a municipality with a population of not more than fifty
63 thousand, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial census, and in
64 which is located a United States Postal Service processing center that at
65 any point in time employed one thousand or more persons, except that
66 such area shall only be designated as an enterprise zone for a term of
67 five years from the date any portion of the area is transferred,
68 provided such transfer occurs on or after July 1, 2014, [and] (B) one
69 area shall be in a municipality with a population of not less than seven
70 thousand eight hundred and not more than seven thousand nine
71 hundred, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial census, and
72 having a total area of not more than 12.2 square miles, and (C) one area
73 shall be in a municipality with a population of not less than fifty-one
74 thousand three hundred and not more than fifty-one thousand four
75 hundred, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial census, and
76 having a total area of not more than 19.9 square miles. Each such
77 enterprise zone area shall consist of two contiguous United States
78 census tracts, contiguous portions of such census tracts or all or a
79 portion of an individual census tract, as determined in accordance with
80 the most recent federal decennial census and, if such area is covered by

81 zoning, a portion of such area shall be zoned to allow commercial or
 82 industrial activity. The census tracts in each such enterprise zone area
 83 shall not be required to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in
 84 subsection (a) of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of
 85 subsection (a) of this section, municipalities that were not distressed
 86 municipalities under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 32-9p
 87 on February 1, 1986, shall be eligible to designate areas as enterprise
 88 zones under this subdivision.

89 (4) The commissioner shall not approve the designation of more
 90 than one enterprise zone in any municipality. The commissioner shall
 91 adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 concerning such
 92 additional qualifications for an area to become an enterprise zone as he
 93 or she deems necessary. The commissioner may remove the
 94 designation of any area he or she has approved as an enterprise zone if
 95 such area no longer meets the criteria for designation as such an area
 96 set forth in this section or in regulations adopted pursuant to this
 97 section, provided no such designation shall be removed less than ten
 98 years from the original date of approval of such zone. The
 99 commissioner may designate any additional area as an enterprise zone
 100 if that area is designated as an enterprise zone, empowerment zone or
 101 enterprise community pursuant to any federal legislation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2015	32-70(c)